(d) The discrepancies noticed in the accounts pertaining to West District and North-West District are only tentative in nature and the actual picture will emerge only when the process of reconciliation is completed. There is, therefore, at present no ground to initiate any action against any official.

Relief/Assistance to Foreign Migrants

2193. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will be the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of foreign migrants living in India, State- wise as well as their place of origin;

(b) whether government are providing any kind of relief/assistance to them; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the total expenditure involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) Powers of the Central Government under the Passport (Entry into India) Act, 1920, Registration of Foreigners Act, 1939 and the Foreigners Act, 1946 have been entrusted to the State Government and Union Territory Administrations, with their prior consultation, under article 258 and 239 respectively of the Constitution. As such, no data regarding migrants from different countries staying in India is centrally maintained. However, figures available for Sri Lankans and Tibetans who have been given refugee in India and are also receiving some assistance from the Government, so that there were about 96,500 Sri Lankans and 93,100 Tibetans living in India as on 31.12.1999. Entire expenditure on the relief to such Sri Lankans for shelter in camps, cash doles, clothing, subsidised ration, utensils and medical facilities, incurred by the Government of India amounted to Rs. 199.36 crores from July 1983 till March 1999. Rs. 30 crores has been provided for this purpose in the year 1999-2000. Similarly, Government of India, has spent an amount of Rs. 17.62 crores approximately upto 31.03.1999 on such Tibetans. This excludes the amount incurred by the Ministry of Human Resource Development on the education of children of such Tibetans.

Failure to control Naxalism

2194. SHRI V. P. DURAISAMY:
SHRI C. P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU:

Will be the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have failed to control naxalism in Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and Maharashtra;

(b) whether it is also a fact that it is spreading to other parts of the country rapidly and State Governments are losing their cops in the encounters;

(c) how many cops and naxalites were killed in encounters, State- wise; and

(d) what are the steps Government are envisaging to control it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) "Public Order" and "Police" being State subjects, it is for the concerned State Governments to devise various measures and take concrete steps in this regard. The Central Government has been assisting the States by sharing intelligence regularly and by deploying para-military forces whenever the need arises. The States have also been provided financial assistance for modernising the State police forces. However, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh have witnessed some increase in left wing extremist violence, recently.

(b) and (c) Activities of People's War Group have been mainly reported from the States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa and to some extent in West Bengal, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh. As per available information, the number of cops and naxalites killed during 1999 is as follows:—

State	Policemen killed	Naxalites killed
Andhra Pradesh	37	208
Bihar	51	31
Madhya Pradesh	6	10
Maharashtra	2	2
Orissa	—	8

(d) The Central Government has set up a Coordination Centre, headed by the Union Home Secretary with Chief Secretaries and Directors General of Police of the States seriously affected by left wing extremism, as its members, to review and coordinate the steps taken by these States to check extremist activities monitor the plan of action in repsect of each State and to make recommendations both on development and security aspects of the problem.

The Coordination Centre has been meeting periodically. Several improtant decisions such as providing financial support from the Centre for combating left wing extremist activities, construction/improvement of

identified critical roads, preparation of plants for development of affected areas to tackle the problem in a holistic manner, sharing of intelligence inputs on constant basis, providing help of Para Military Forces on need basis, etc., have also been taken and effectively followed-up.

TADA Cases in J&K

2195. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU:
SHRI V.P. DURAISAMY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item which appeared in the "Times of India" dated 22nd February, 2000 under the caption 20000 TADA cases filed in J&K, but none convicted,

(b) the reasons as to why Government couldn't try 20,000 militants arrested under TADA in J&K state;

(c) whether Government are serious in following up the cases; and

(d) what steps Government would take to speed up the trial of cases so that hijacking of aircraft and such other things do not take place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (d) Yes Sir, the Government are aware of the media reports. As reported by State Government, a total of 16620 cases were registered in J&K since the inception of TADA(P) Act till 23.5.1995 when the Act lapsed. Out of this, till December 1999 only 02 cases were pending investigation and 52 cases were pending production in the court of law. The investigating agencies have been urged to ensure that pending cases are produced in the court of law at the earliest. The matter is regularly reviewed by a Committee under the Chief Secretary, J&K which has been constituted on the directions of the Apex court. The State Government has also been advised to follow up both investigation and prosecution of all cases against militants/ terrorists.

Autonomy to J&K

2196. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether J&K Chief Minister has asked the Central Government for giving autonomy to J&K State; and